

GOVERNOR DAWSON SPEAKS ON THE NEW TAX LAWS

TELLS THE STORY OF THEIR SUCCESS

Audience Listens Attentively To The
Chief Executive of
West Virginia.

REPUBLICANS ARE RIGHT
On the Great Question of Tax Re-
form That Has Reduced the
Taxes Of the People.

Governor W. M. O. Dawson made
a convincing address to a repre-
sentative audience Tuesday night
on the new tax laws and the meet-
ing was a decided success. Hon.
Raymond Maxwell presided.

Governor Dawson after expressing
great pleasure over the opportunity
of addressing Harrison county folk,
said in part:

"I spoke here in 1904 and in
coming back here to talk to you again.
I am glad I can say after that elec-
tion what I said before that elec-
tion. I have nothing to take back,
nothing to apologize for, nothing to
explain away. Not a single prediction
I made has failed. I hold in
my hand a printed copy of a speech
I delivered here in 1904 as the
candidate of my party for the office of
Governor. It was issued by the Re-
publican State Committee in pam-
phlet form, and entitled 'The Truth
about the New Tax Laws.' Ten
thousand copies of this pamphlet
were distributed and read. I con-
fess it is no little degree of satis-
faction to me to be able to come be-
fore you now with this document
in my hand, and tell you that every
promise and prediction therein
made has been fulfilled. On page 8
of this pamphlet, it is stated that
the state taxes in 1905 will be but
24 cents, but they were only 20
cents; it was stated that in 1906 the
state taxes would be but 13 cents;
but in 1906 the state taxes are only
8 1-2 cents.

"Democratic leaders had a great
deal to say about the laws, the
Dawson fake laws, the iniquitous laws.
There are no Dawson laws. Our
Democratic friends are very cute,
very smart, very opposite. They
said there was an inventor of, told
all sort of stories and tried to at-
tach the unpopularity of the per-
son to the new tax laws. But I am
willing to be classed as the father
of them, though they came from
the tax commission of 1901, com-
posed of three Republicans and two
Democrats. The latter were John
H. Holt, the Democratic nominee
for governor in 1900, and former
United States Senator Henry Gas-
away Davis, the Democratic nom-
inee for vice president in 1904. The
bi-partisan commission agreed unan-
imously on the report and a num-
ber of bills, and there is good Dem-
ocratic authority for the new laws.
Choose, my Democratic friends,
which leader you wish—McGraw
and Cornwell or Holt and Davis.
The latter are as deserving as the
former, and we were glad to have
the co-operation of Holt and Davis
and will be glad to have yours. We
wanted no politics in the matter.
The question should never have been
brought into party politics. There
can be no party politics in the
matter of taxation in a state. It may
enter into the national taxation
question when it involves the ques-
tion of protection and free trade,
but nothing of the kind enters into
the consideration as regards the
state revenues.

"The necessity of reform in our
revenue laws was very generally ad-
mitted. The attention of the legis-
lature was called to the fact by
Democratic governors, was empha-
sized by the reports of the state tax
commission appointed in 1883 by
Governor Jackson, but the Demo-
cratic leaders seemed unable to do
anything. For the twenty-five long
years in which they were in power
in this state they failed to lighten
the burdens of taxation on the prop-
erty of the people a penny.

"In 1901 the legislature almost
unanimously said the state needed
new tax laws. There were only six
dissenting votes in that body against
creating the tax commission. Mr.
Maxwell has very well said that the
primary object of the new tax laws
is not to raise more revenue but to
make equal the taxes of the people,
or to have a square deal with all in
taxation. I have read in Demo-
cratic papers that Governor Dawson
says the new laws are not perfect.
I hope the governor never will pro-

claim any law perfect. Even there
is a majority that think the consti-
tution is not perfect and that it
ought to be amended so as to elect
United States senators by the vote
of the people direct. If any Demo-
cratic citizen has a secret for mak-
ing perfect laws I hope he will not
get it patented, but give it to me and
I will call a special session of the
legislature, have perfect laws enact-
ed and then abolish the legislature.
They can be yet improved and made
more nearly perfect, but this should
be entrusted to their friends and not
to their enemies. Mothers are not
in the habit of handing their in-
fants over to wolves to nurse.

"What were some of the predic-
tions of Democratic leaders in 1904.
I say leaders, for I have no quarrel
with the ordinary Democratic voter.
Democrats and Republicans often
have the same father and mother,
but because one is a Democrat that
does not make him a scoundrel, nor
is the other necessarily a saint. Both
are honest and have their own
beliefs. The Democratic leaders are
insincere and have played the hypo-
crite on the taxation matter. I can
not recall a single prediction made
by them that has come true. Every
prediction made by the Republicans
has come true. If the predictions
I made had not come true, I would
not be here but would be away some-
where, hoping you would forget
what I said and forget me.

"They are still predicting. It is
true they are not taking the stump,
nor telling you what they stand
for, but did get up courage enough
to make an address.

"It was said that these laws
would increase the taxes of the
farmer and of the plain people gen-
erally. They have reduced the
taxes of these people, and it is safe
to say that at least ninety per cent
of the tax payers of the state will
pay less taxes in 1906 than they
paid in 1904. There has been a
marked decrease in the taxes of the
farmers, who heretofore were pay-
ing largely more than their share.

"It was said that the asset value
of the property of the people gen-
erally would be increased, and their
taxes therefore increased, but the
property of the corporations would
not be increased in proportion; and
that the Republican candidates for
governor was in collusion with cer-
tain corporate interests and would
prove recreant to his trust and his
promises if elected governor. I do
not say it to complain, but I sup-
pose no candidate for public office
in this state was ever subjected to
more misrepresentation, to a more
violent and steady stream of abuse
that I was as the Republican candi-
date for governor in 1904, and you
will bear me witness that I did not
answer in kind. I kept sweet and
cool during it all, because I was
certain that I was right, that the
cause I represented was just, and
that it would be triumphant, and
that the results would confound the
dwellers in the gutters who threw
their mud at me.

"Now as to the corporations, here
are the facts which you can com-
pare with the predictions of the
Democratic leaders. Here let me
say, I have no quarrel with the Dem-

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ocratic voter—the most of them
were deceived. I find that he is as
honest as the Republican voter, that
he wants to do what is right, and I
shall be pleased if I am addressing
many of them on this occasion.

Now let us see whether the Re-
publican candidate for governor in
1904 was in collusion with the rail-
roads and other corporations to save
them from their share of the taxes.
The assessment of their property
for the present year is as follows:
Steam railroads . . . \$169,078,322.54
Street railroads . . . 7,684,908.48
Car lines (not heretofore as-
sessed) . . . 662,750.06
Express companies (as-
sessed nominally heretofore) . . . 177,425,981.08
Telephone & Tele-
phone companies (as-
sessed locally heretofore) . . . 2,975,123.92
Light and Water
companies (as-
sessed locally heretofore) . . . 1,922,904.27
Pipe lines (as-
sessed locally heretofore) . . . 26,435,964.55
Total assessed by
Board . . . \$208,930,945.48
The total valuation of this prop-
erty is nearly \$209,000,000.
The first three items of steam railroads.
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TRAIN JUMPS INTO RIVER

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 24.—A
Pittsburgh special on the Cleveland
and Pittsburgh division of the Penn-
sylvania lines west, jumped the
tracks today six miles west of Alle-
gheny. The engine and several cars
slipped down to the Ohio river. The
train left Cleveland this morning.
At least four persons were seriously
injured. Many others sustained
cuts and bruises. The seriously in-
jured are Engineer Ewing, Fire-
man Reynolds, and two brakemen.

MOODY GOES TO SUPREME BENCH

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—
While no official statement is ob-
tainable, unofficial information con-
firms the report that the President
will appoint Attorney General
Moody to the vacancy on the sup-
reme bench. It is generally expected
Moody will not take his seat on
the bench until about Jan. 1.

Bank Fails

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The
Peoples' Savings Bank of this city
was closed today by order of the
comptroller of the currency.

Trial of B. & O. Cases Continued to January

But Case Is Still On In Court So
Far As the Argument
Is Concerned.

At the morning session of United
States court by agreement of the
Government and the Baltimore &
Ohio railroad in the case of alleged
discrimination against the Philippi
Coal Mining Company in the dis-
tribution of cars, Judge Goff entered
an order setting aside the filing of
the information in the case, which
was done Oct. 9 before Judge A. G.
Dayton.

Chief Mine Inspector James W.
Paul. The railroad company asked
for time to prepare to discuss
whether the information and affi-
davits should be filed. The court
overruled their motion in this re-
spect and then the railroad attorneys
made a motion to quash the in-
formation. Recess was then taken
until 2 o'clock.

At that hour the matter of dis-
charging the jury until a future date
by continuance of the case was dis-
cussed for an hour, until after the
pleadings could be made, which lat-
ter was to be done at once.

It was finally decided that in the
event the court holds the informa-
tion good, the trial would be held
some time in January. The jurors
and witnesses were then discharged
and the argument on a motion to
quash the information was begun.
This may take two days.

Judge Nathan Goff Issues Man-
datory Injunction To That
Effect.
STATE STATUTE INVALID.
Government Recognizes Liquor
Business As Part of Commer-
cial System of the Country.

The United States Express Com-
pany must receive and carry all
open and C. O. D. packages of
liquor in this state rendered accord-
ing to the usual rules and regula-
tions of express companies.

Judge Nathan Goff in federal
court issued a preliminary and man-
datory injunction to that effect
Wednesday morning in the case of
the Crescent Liquor Company and
others against the United States
Express Company.

Judge Goff declared that the ex-
press company is a common carrier
and must receive and carry packages
of liquor just like it does any con-
signments of other commodities. He
stated that the whiskey business is
recognized by the national and state
governments as a part of commerce,
state and interstate, and was, there-
fore, entitled to protection by the
government. He saw but little dis-
tinction, if any, between open and
C. O. D. packages of liquor and the
injunction issued applies to both.

Relative to the statute passed by
the legislature, making express com-
panies liable for carrying liquors
C. O. D., he said the same was un-
constitutional and the state law in-
valid, as it conflicted with the right
and liberties of those lawfully en-
gaged in business and could not
supersede the commerce laws of the
nation.

Touching on the restriction of
the liquor traffic Judge Goff em-
phasized the statement that it is not
the province of the judiciary to
philosophize on the moral aspects
and effects of the liquor business, as
the judiciary had by right nothing
to do with the matter so long as the
state and nation recognized it as a
business and the same was carried
on according to law.

Judge Goff said the express com-
panies were immune from indict-
ment and punishment so long as
they carried liquors in the same
manner as they transport other ar-
ticles of commerce. They may carry
the packages, collect the price for
them and return it to the con-
signor.

Passing on the matter of the state
statute not permitting packages to
be carried from any point in the
state to late points, and that pack-
ages could be sent in and out of the
state, Judge Goff said that was a
discrimination not permitted by the
interstate commerce laws, and to
give the express company the privi-
lege to carry only what it pleased
tended to destroy the commerce of
the country, as the power would
then lie in common carriers to trans-
port only products favored by them.

The decision reverses Judge Day-
ton on the question and is diametri-
cally opposite to his views so
far as the features of moral effect
is concerned. It reverses some of
the circuit judges of the state, too,
who have charged grand juries that
express agents receiving C. O. D.
packages, delivering them and re-
ceiving money for them should be
indicted. In fact, it practically
places the matter of the shipping of
liquors on the same plane it was for
years before the recent agitation
started.

WIFE STARVING; MAN RELEASED

Mrs. Joe Smith, wife of the
Polander, who was committed to
jail for the grand jury a month ago
by Squire Kollman, of Grasselli, on
the charge of beating his wife, ap-
peared in Magistrate Riley's court
Wednesday with her baby in her
arms and said she was starving. On
recommendation of Judge Lynch
Smith was released so he could go
and provide for his wife and child.

Chief Mine Inspector James
Paul is here from Charleston at-
tending federal court.

QUEER ACTING MAN IS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

A big man of strange actions was
taken into custody by City Police-
men Simms and McCloud on Pike
street Tuesday evening and placed
in the lock-up on suspicion. He
was apparently full of dope and
when examined by City Health Of-
ficer Varner in the city pen called a
lock-up, was declared to be mentally
unbalanced. A box of cocaine was
found in one of the man's pockets.
To the police he said his name was
Cavanaugh.

It is said that Cavanaugh has
been camping out on Pinnickinnick
hill for the past week or so and that
he has a large number of pistols,
guns and dirk knives hidden in
some bushes on the hill. A police-
man was detailed to search for these
weapons this afternoon and also to
work upon an attendant circum-
stance in connection with the man's
appearance in the community. He
will be held a prisoner until the
police complete their investigation.

AFTER MAN WHO GAVE BAD CHECK

Costable Rogers, went out to Dod-
ridge county Wednesday with a
warrant for the arrest of J. L. Mc-
Lain, who is charged by L. N.
Kable, of Wolf Summit, with hav-
ing obtained \$25 from him under
false pretenses. Kable swore out
the warrant in Magistrate Riley's
court alleging that McLain told him
that he had \$1,100 on deposit with
the First National Bank of West
Union and on that representation
cashed a check on that bank amount-
ing to \$25 for him. There was not
even enough money to his credit at
the bank to cash the \$25 check.
Kable swore, and it was protested.
Letters asking him to make the
check good were unanswered by Mc-
Lain and the warrant resulted.

Women Arrested

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Eng., Oct. 24.—Ten
Woman Suffragists who were ar-
rested yesterday for rioting within
the precincts of the House of Com-
mons, were arraigned in police court
today and bound over to keep the
peace for six months.

Aamy Officer Stricken

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 24.—Gen-
eral James Forsythe, one of the best
known retired army officers, suffer-
ed a stroke of paralysis yesterday.
His condition is serious.

Jailed For Four Days Found to be Wrong Man

Slav From Simpson Thought He
Was Serving a Sentence
For Being Drunk.

After being confined in the coun-
ty jail for four days, believing he
was serving a sentence for having
been drunk, a Slav supposing to be
Giovanni Destillo charged with
having cruelly mistreated and tor-
tured a heifer near the Industrial
bridge several days ago, was
found to be the wrong man when
taken before Magistrate Gordon
for trial Tuesday evening.

The man wanted for the cruelty
charge is an Italian and the Slav
was arrested by Constable Lee Col-
fman at the B. & O. Railroad depot
in a drunken condition four days
ago. The prisoner had just come
to Clarksburg from Simpson where,

PASTOR RETURNS FROM SYNOD

The Rev. L. W. Sifferd, pastor of
the Lutheran church, returned last
night from Waynesburg, Pa., where
the Maryland synod held its eighty-
seventh annual session during the
past week. It is one of the largest
bodies connected with the Lutheran
church in this country, having about
150 congregations, 115 pastors and
a membership of over 30,000.

Among the many things which
came before the body for consid-
eration nothing elicited more interest
and concern than the work of the
Lutheran church in West Virginia.
The district missionary's report
showed a year of effective and en-
larged work. After accepting his
resignation the entire supervision
of the West Virginia mission work
was placed into the hands of a
board consisting of Revs. A. F.
Richardson, L. W. Sifferd, J. J.
Scherer, Mr. John Shafferman and
J. W. Holt, Esq. This board in co-
operation with the general board's
secretary will push the work in the
promising centres of the state.

Concerning the local work the
future is pretty well assured. The
synodical society of the Maryland
synod is directly interested in it
since the Clarksburg work in this
particular field. The entire Mary-
land synod is back of the work
throughout the state.

The local congregation very
much encouraged is already plan-
ning to move to their lot on Jack-
son square. A temporary chapel
will be built this fall which provi-
sion will enable the Lutheran people
to have a place of worship until a
church can be erected. The Luth-
eran congregation has been greatly
handicapped by having to worship
in a third floor lodge hall and the
plan decided upon is a much need-
ed step in the right direction.

BIG RALLY AT LUMBERPORT

The Republicans had a wonder-
fully fine meeting at Lumberport
Tuesday night. The opera house
was crowded and there was a very
deep interest and much enthusiasm.
M. A. Riblett presided. The speak-
ers were John B. Morrison, O. A.
Ashburn and Cyrus Webb, who were
all at their best. They will speak
at Enterprise tonight.

Rev. Bazier Returned

The Rev. E. R. Bazier, pastor of
Pride's Chapel, A. M. E. church,
has just returned from the annual
conference of his church held at
Washington, Pa. Rev. Bazier was
reappointed to the charge of Pride's
chapel which the members of his
congregation are glad to know.

To the People of Harrison County
As Shown By the Actual
Figures.

BIG AMOUNT SAVED.

In the Matter of Both State and
Country Taxes, To the Tax-
payers In the County.

In his speech here Tuesday night
Governor Dawson gave some inter-
esting and convincing figures about
Harrison county relative to the new
tax laws. He showed that the real
estate assessment in 1904 under the
old laws was \$7,926,163, and in
1906 under the new laws \$9,489,-
375, an increase of 3.72 times. The
personal property in 1904 was \$4,-
119,935 and in 1906 it is \$11,-
468,145, an increase less than 2 3-4
times. The total for 1904 was \$12,-
045,198 and in 1906 it is \$20,957,-
520.

In 1904 the assessment of cor-
porations amounted to \$89,043,
and in 1906 it is \$9,345,295, an in-
crease of nearly ten times.

The total assessment of the coun-
ty in 1904 was \$13,034,241 and this
year it is \$50,302,815, less than four
times increase.

The total state tax for the county
under the old laws was \$42,157, and
under the new laws but \$24,814, a
saving of \$17,343 for the county. The
school fund paid back to the county
by the state in 1906 is \$21,367.50
and in 1904 it was but \$14,968.08, a
saving to the county of \$6,399.
This added to the other savings not-
ed makes a total saving of \$13,740
for the real estate and personal
property owners, not including cor-
porations. With these included the
state tax in 1904 in this county was
\$46,622 and in 1906 is \$42,756,
which with corporations included,
makes the total saving for the coun-
ty on state monies amount to about
\$10,000.

In county matters he called at-
tention to the fact that the levy
was 60 cents under the old law and
but 10 cents under the new. The
tax in 1904 for county purposes was
\$78,210 and this year it is but \$56,-
303, saving of \$21,907, or a total
saving of nearly \$40,000 for the
year.

Governor Dawson gave two fair
examples of the benefits of taxa-
tion in this county. The first was
that of Lee Maxwell, Democratic
nominee for the legislature, whose
tax this year is \$45.53 less than in
1904 and on another farm of his
\$16.87 less than in 1904. He also
showed his auditors that W. Brent
Maxwell's taxes on one farm is
\$32.67 less than under the old laws.
These are fair examples.

GIVE MONEY TO SOCIETY FOR BLIND

"Canvass in the interests of the
National Literary Society for the
Blind," says Mr. Pinkus, chairman
of the executive committee who is in
Clarksburg in the interests of the
society. "though conducted under
some difficulties, is finding an en-
couraging response on all sides. It
might be of interest to the readers
of the Telegram to know the names
of three subscribers who have donat-
ed the following amounts: Chas.
S. Smiley, \$10; V. L. Highland, \$5;
C. B. Alexander, \$5. An account
was opened with the Empire Na-
tional bank this morning and the
first deposit amounted to \$21.00."

Arrested on Pinnickinnick

Gertrude Moneybenny, Winnie
Nye and Charles Duffy, alias Flem-
ing, were arrested on Pinnickinnick
hill opposite the railroad station
Tuesday night by Constable Lee
Colfman and Policemen Simms and
taken to jail to await a hearing on
the charges of committing for-
mation. Alva Jackson and some
others were with the trio but they
succeeded in eluding the officers.

Minister Bander

The Rev. John P. Sab, pastor of
the church of Christ at Elyria,
Ohio, was bonded here Wednesday
to perform marriages in this state.
The amount of the bond is \$1,500
with Silas Ash surety.